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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A unified messaging system that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of independently operable messaging services to which they subscribe, each of said messaging services having a separate login and password for said subscriber, said unified messaging system comprising:

sign-on service means, accessible to a subscriber via a communication medium, for providing said subscriber with a single point of access for a plurality of independently operable messaging services that are accessible to said sign-on service means via said communication medium, comprising:

service-wide directory means for storing said separate login and password data for said subscriber for each of said messaging services,

user interface means for providing said subscriber with a single user interface to access all of said messaging services, and

user login means for providing said subscriber with a single login to access said single user interface; and

unified service access means, responsive to said subscriber selecting at least one of said messaging services, for using said subscriber login and password data to automatically log in to each of said messaging services selected by said subscriber via said user interface to access messages stored therein and share sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of independently operable selected messaging services via said communication medium.

- 2. (Previously presented) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: means, responsive to said subscriber signing on to the sign-on service means, for accessing subscriber's account profile information located in said sign-on service means in a centralized profile for messaging services.
 - 3. (Currently amended) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: directory means for authenticating said subscriber; and

means for allowing the subscriber to access [[ones]] <u>one</u> of said plurality of independently operable messaging services that are enabled in their account profile.

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- 4. (Previously presented) The unified messaging system of claim 3 further comprising: wherein said directory means contains subscriber profile data including at least one of: mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers.
- 5. (Previously presented) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: means for enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications.
- 6. (Previously presented) The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising: means to enable said subscriber to access said sign-on service means via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.
- 7. (Currently amended) A method of providing a unified messaging service that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of independently operable messaging services to which they subscribe, each of said messaging services having a separate login and password for said subscriber, said unified messaging system comprising:

providing said subscriber with a single point of access, via a sign-on service interface, accessible to a subscriber via a communication medium for a plurality of independently operable messaging services that are accessible to said sign-on service means via said communication medium, comprising:

storing said separate login and password data for said subscriber for each of said messaging services,

providing said subscriber with a single user interface to access all of said messaging services, and

providing said subscriber with a single login to access said single user interface; and using, in response to said subscriber selecting at least one of said messaging services, sharing said subscriber login and password data to automatically log in to each of said messaging services selected by said subscriber via said user interface to access messages stored therein and share personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of independently operable selected messaging services via said communication medium.

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8. (Previously presented) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

accessing, in response to said subscriber signing on to the sign-on service interface, said subscriber's account profile information located in said sign-on service interface in a centralized profile for messaging services.

9. (Currently amended) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

authenticating said subscriber using a directory of subscribers; and allowing the subscriber to access [[ones]] one of said plurality of independently operable messaging services that are enabled in their account profile.

10. (Previously presented) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 9 further comprising:

storing subscriber profile data in said directory including at least one of: mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers.

11. (Previously presented) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications.

12. (Previously presented) The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

enabling said subscriber to access said sign-on service interface via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.